

Municipality of the County of Inverness
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, September 2, 2021
3:00 pm
Council Chambers

MINUTES

Council: Warden Laurie Cranton
Deputy Warden Bonny Maclsaac
Councillor Alfred Poirier
Councillor John MacLennan
Councillor Lynn Chisholm
Councillor Catherine Gillis

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO
Tanya Tibbo, Director of Finance
Christine Murray, Manager of Legal and Governance
Debbie Nicholson, Administrative Assistant to Council
Erin Gillis, Manager, Operations & Occupational Health and Safety
Karolyn Aucoin, Communications and Community Engagement Specialist

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Warden Cranton called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm and welcomed all in attendance. Roll call was taken.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: *That the Agenda be approved as presented.*
MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Maclsaac
SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm
MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: *That the Regular Council Meeting minutes of August 5, 2021 be approved as presented.*
MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Maclsaac
SECONDED BY: Councillor Poirier
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That the Nominating Committee Meeting minutes of August 19, 2021 be approved as presented.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier
SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of August 19, 2021 be approved as presented.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Gillis
SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Maclsaac
MOTION CARRIED

4. NOMINATION FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE: POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

MOTION: *WHEREAS vacancies existed on the Joint Police Advisory Board for the Municipality of the County of Inverness;*

AND WHEREAS the vacancies were publicly advertised pursuant to the Public Appointment Policy for the Municipality of the County of Inverness;

AND WHEREAS the Nominating Committee of the Municipality of the County of Inverness met on September 2, 2021 and nominated Fulton MacPherson to fill one of the vacancies on the Joint Police Advisory Board for the Municipality of the County of Inverness;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT Council for the Municipality of the County of Inverness does hereby appoint Fulton MacPherson as a member of the Joint Police Advisory Board for the Municipality of the County of Inverness for a term of four (4) years, commencing on this 2nd day of September, 2021.

MOVED BY: Councillor Gillis
SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Maclsaac
MOTION CARRIED

5. J CLASS ROADS – OVER ESTIMATE MEMO

MOTION: *That Council accept the J Class Road cost overruns for Lochness Street, and Old Deepdale Road as presented in today's Council package.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Gillis
SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Maclsaac
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That the J Class Road cost overruns for Lochness Street and Old Deepdale Road be funded by the Operating Reserve.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Gillis
SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Maclsaac
MOTION CARRIED

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

a) ROAD NAME CHANGE

MOTION: *That Council approve the Road Name Change request for Beaton Street Inverness to be renamed to Allan J. Memorial Avenue.*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Maclsaac
SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm
MOTION CARRIED

b) COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

i. CHÉTICAMP KINSMEN CLUB - MEALS ON WHEELS (CHÉTICAMP/GRAND ETANG)

MOTION: *That Council fund the request of the Chéticamp Kinsmen Club in the amount of \$5,000.00 in the following manner:
District 1 CDC - \$2500.00
District 2 CDC - \$2500.00*

MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier
SECONDED BY: Councillor Gillis
MOTION CARRIED

ii. LA COOPÉRATIVE DE TRANSPORT DE CHÉTICAMP (L'ACABIE)

MOTION: *That Council not fund the \$14,000.00 request but rather assist the organization in seeking Federal funding, in addition to other levels of government funding. Staff will assist in preparing a comparative analysis of funding for both Strait Area Transit and L'Acabie and review their fleet management.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Gillis
SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm
MOTION CARRIED

7. PRESENTATION OF OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR DRINKING WATER OPERATIONS

On May 19, 2021 Municipal employee Mark Copley was presented with the Operational Excellence Award for Drinking Water Operations by the Maritime Provinces Water and Wastewater Association (MPWWA). This Award is in recognition of dedication to operational decision making, assistance to co-workers and community involvement. Mark's nomination for

this award was undertaken by his former supervisor, Allan Benninger as well as Municipal operators Lionel Clarke and Brennan Gillis. Mark's receipt of this award was recognized at today's Council meeting.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **Nova Scotia Emergency Management Office** – Correspondence was received from the Nova Scotia Emergency Management Office stating that damages resulting from the April 2021 ice storm do not qualify for the Disaster Financial Assistance program and no other funding mechanism is available through which the province could provide emergency assistance.

MOTION: *That a letter be issued to the new Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding damages as a result of the April 2021 ice storm. Previous correspondence issued to and received from the Provincial Department of Transportation and Active Transit will be included in this letter.*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Maclsaac

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

September 16th 9:30 am – Committee of the Whole

Councillor MacLennan asked questions not related to the agenda. Warden Cranton asked Council if anyone wanted to add these items to the current agenda. Hearing nothing, no new items were added to today's agenda. Warden Cranton reminded Council of the process for including agenda items for consideration at Council.

10. "IN CAMERA"

The purpose of entering into "In Camera" at today's meeting is to discuss matters relating to:

- a. The acquisition, sale, lease or security of Municipal property

MOTION: *That Council Move to "In Camera" at 3:56 pm.*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Maclsaac

SECONDED BY: Councillor Poirier

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That Council Move out of "In Camera" at 4:04 pm.*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Maclsaac

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That the Municipality proceed with the acquisition of the property at 214 Main Street, Port Hood from the Port Hood and Area Resource Society.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Chisholm

SECONDED BY: Councillor Poirier

MOTION CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *That Council adjourn at 4:05 pm.*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Maclsaac

MOTION CARRIED